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SUBJECT: AMIN ASKS FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH US

REF: (A) STATE 74952, (B) KINSHASA 2872

1. AT THE END OF MY TALK WITH MOBUTU APRIL 8 I MENTIONED WASHINGTON'S REACTION TO AMIN'S MESSAGE (REF A). CONTRARY TO MY HOPES, RATHER THAN LET THE MATTER PASS MOBUTU INDICATED THAT HE REALLY NEEDED SOMETHING MORE TO CONVEY BACK TO AMIN. WOULD IT NOT BE POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR US TO OFFER TO SEND A MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIAL TO UGANDA TO CHECK ON WELFARE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND, WHILE THERE, PERHAPS DISCUSS INFORMALLY WITH UGANDAN OFFICIALS THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONS? (I INFERRED THIS WAS MOBUTU'S SCENARIO, NOT AMIN'S.)

2. I REITERATED THAT RECENT EVENTS IN UGANDA HAD NOT CREATED A PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR SUCH AN INITIATIVE, AND THAT I HAD DIFFICULTY IMAGINING WASHINGTON BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE MOBUTU WITH ANY MESSAGE FOR AMIN THAT COULD BE VIEWED AS VERY POSITIVE. WHEN MOBUTU REPEATED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE AT LEAST SOMETHING TO PASS BACK TO AMIN, I AGREED TO CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT AGAIN TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.

3. REF A INDICATED A MORE FORMAL RESPONSE MIGHT BE SENT TO
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AMIN IF MOBUTU INSISTED, AND I RECOMMEND THIS. WHILE I REALIZE THERE MAY NOT BE MUCH WE CAN SAY, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT MOBUTU IS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT WOULD PLEASE RATHER THAN ANGER AMIN IN RETURN FOR THE FAVORS AMIN HAS DONE BOTH FOR MOBUTU AND, THROUGH HIM, FOR US.
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